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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: METHOD OF BILLING SUBSCRIBERS IN TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK

March 19, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly preliminary amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the present title and replace it with the following new title:

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR BILLING SUBSCRIBERS IN A

TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A method of billing subscribers in a telecommunication network, wherein each subscriber has billing accounts that are charged when services of the telecommunication network are used, the method comprising:

forming at least one subscriber billing group having at least two subscribers;

